

Our Goal - 2 Corinthians 5:9-21

We serve when we have a goal

A. The Acceptance Of The Lord (5:9-13)

- 1. Our aim for this life and the next (5:9)**
- 2. Provides rewards at our final judgment (5:10)**
- 3. Fuels a desire to witness (5:11)**
- 4. Gives proper glory (5:12)**
- 5. Desired in every state we are in (5:13)**

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B. The Love of the Lord (5:14-17)

1. Constrains (5:14-16)

2. Recreates (5:17)

C. The Reconciliation Of The Lord (5:18-21)

1. His ministry (5:18)

2. Our message (5:19)

3. Our mission (5:20-21)

Prove Your Ministry
2 Corinthians 6:1-10

**We should have confidence that we are
ministers of God**

I. In Concord (6:1-3)

A. Common *productive* work

2 Corinthians 6:1

We then, as workers together *with him*, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Galatians 4:11

I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

I. In Concord (6:1-3)

B. Common salvation

2 Corinthians 6:2

(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

Isaiah 49:8

Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

I. In Concord (6:1-3)

C. Common respect

2 Corinthians 6:3

Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

1 Thessalonians 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:14

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Romans 5:3-5

**3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also:
knowing that tribulation worketh patience;**

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

**5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of
God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost
which is given unto us.**

II. Approving Ourselves (6:4-10)

A. By not giving up (6:4-5)

2 Corinthians 6:4-5

4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

1. In trials

“afflictions...necessities...distresses”

2. Sufferings

“stripes...imprisonments...tumults”

3. Personal hardships

“labours...watchings...fastings”

2 Peter 1:8, 12

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

II. Approving Ourselves (6:4-10)

B. By possessing spiritual qualities (6:6-7)

2 Corinthians 6:6-7

6 By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

Ephesians 4:1-3

1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

II. Approving Ourselves (6:4-10)

C. By being consistent (6:8-10)

2 Corinthians 6:8-10

8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

9 As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

